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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**APPLICANT:** S.-C. Chou**EXAMINER:** T. V. Oh**U.S.S.N.:** 10/047,835**GROUP:** 1625**FILED:** January 14, 2002**FOR:** METHOD FOR RECOVERING AND PRODUCING C₄-C₆
DICARBOXYLATE FROM ALKALINE WASTE SOLUTION GENERATED
IN CAPROLACTAM PREPARATION PROCESSAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8(A))**

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By *Maggie Hamelin*
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Sir/Madam:

AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated January 2, 2003 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.